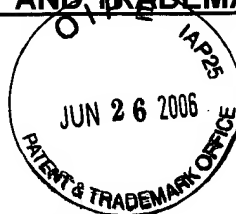


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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated February 21, 2006, hereinafter "the Office Action", the period for response having been extended to June 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.